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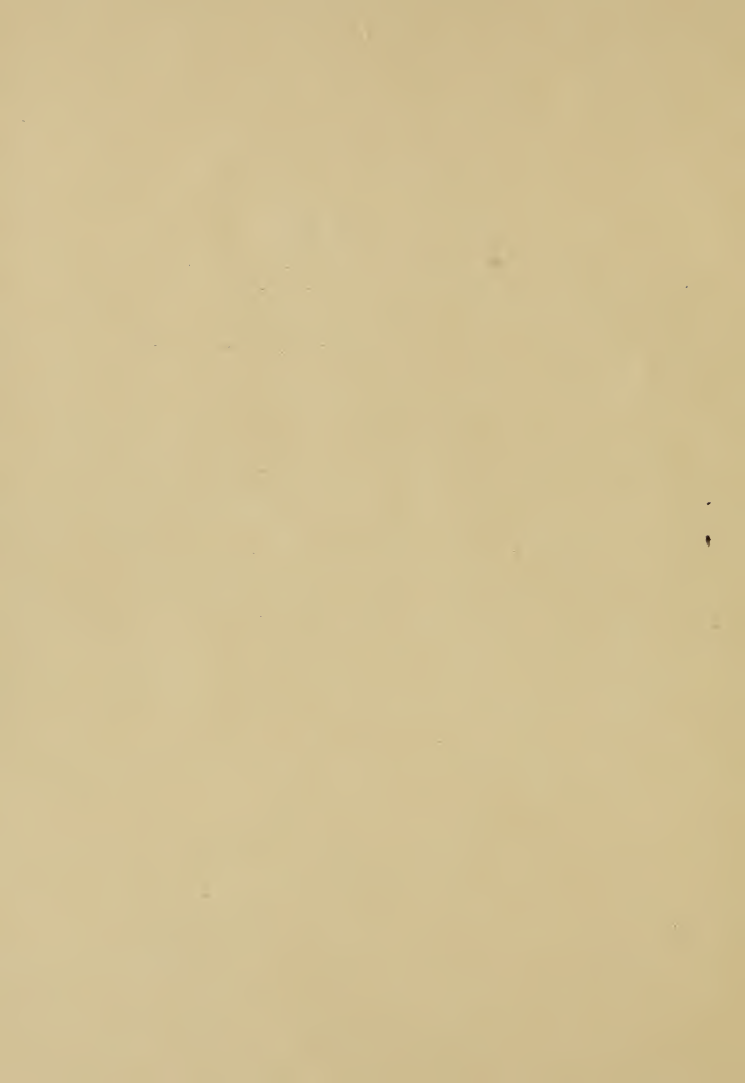
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The Session of 1908-09 will begin Tuesday, October 20, at 8 P. M. Students will be enrolled at 117 N. 7th St., Wednesday and Thursday evenings, October 14 and 15, at 8.30 o'clock.

### **Faculty.**

*Principal and Instructor in Jewish Literature,*

RABBI HENRY M. SPEAKER.

*Instructor in Jewish History,*

ARTHUR A. DEMBITZ, B. A.

*Instructor in Hebrew and Honorary Librarian,*

ISAAC HUSIK, A. M., Ph. D.

*Instructor in Jewish Education,*

RABBI JULIUS H. GREENSTONE, Ph. D.

*Clerk to the Librarian,*

DAVID J. GALTER.

### **Origin.**

The College was founded in 1895 through the benevolence of Hyman Gratz, who in 1856, prior to his death, executed a deed to the "Kaal Kadosh Mickvé Israel," of Philadelphia, in trust for the establishment and support of a college for the education of Jews residing in the city and county of Philadelphia.

### Location.

The College is located at the assembly rooms of the Mickvé Israel Synagogue, 117 North Seventh street, Philadelphia.

### Object.

The object of the College is to disseminate knowledge of the Hebrew Language, Jewish History, Jewish Literature and the Jewish Religion; and especially to afford training for teachers in Jewish schools.

Special courses, mainly in Talmudic subjects, are given to prepare students who desire to enter the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

### Admission.

Jews above the age of fifteen years who possess sufficient preliminary education to profit by the courses offered will be admitted as students.

Those unable to pursue all the prescribed studies of the College curriculum may, at the discretion of the principal, be admitted to any of the courses offered, and shall then be known as special students.

The tuition given in the College is free of charge.

### Subjects of Study.

The full college course covers three years, and includes the Hebrew Language, Bible and Mishnah; Jewish Literature—from the Biblical period to re-

cent times; History of the Jews—from the Biblical period to recent times; Pedagogics, as applied to the Jewish Religious School; History of Jewish Education.

### **Preparatory Class.**

A preparatory course of one year has been established to meet the needs of those who by reason of age or lack of preparation are not able to pursue with profit the studies of the first year of the regular course. Instruction is given to the Preparatory Class in the elements of Hebrew, Biblical History, and the Jewish Religion.

### **Collegiate Terms.**

The scholastic year consists of two terms. The first term extends from October to February; the second, from February to June.

Written examinations are held at the close of each term.

### **Diplomas and Certificates.**

Students pursuing the prescribed course of study and passing the necessary examinations will receive diplomas.

Special students may at the end of the course receive certificates.

## Curriculum.

### Preparatory Class.

Hebrew.—First and second terms: The elements of reading, grammar and translation, as in *Mannheimer's Hebrew Reader and Grammar*, parts I-IV. Three and one-half hours.

DR. GREENSTONE.

Biblical History.—One hour.

MR. SPEAKER.

Jewish Religion.—Explanation of Jewish religious institutions. One hour.

DR. GREENSTONE.

### Regular Course.

#### First Year.

Hebrew.—First term: Grammar and exercises in translation, as in *Green's Elementary Hebrew Grammar*. Three hours.

Second term: Reading narrative portions of the Bible for vocabulary and idiom. Hebrew composition and syntax. Three hours.

DR. HUSIK.

History.—First and second terms: From Abraham until decree of Cyrus. Two hours.

MR. DEMBITZ.

Literature.—First and second terms: Biblical period to second century C. E.—Historical books, Prophetic Literature, Poetry of the Bible, Apocrypha, Jewish Hellenistic period, Philo. Two hours.

MR. SPEAKER.

### Second Year.

Hebrew.—First term: Joshua and Judges; Hebrew Composition. Private reading in Genesis. Three hours.

Second term: Psalms and Proverbs. Private reading in Samuel and Kings. Three hours.

Optional Course.—First and second terms: Reading in the commentaries of Rashi and Ibn-Ezra. Two hours.

DR. HUSIK.

History.—First and second terms: From the beginnings of the second commonwealth until the compilation of the Mishnah. Two hours.

MR. DEMBITZ.

Literature.—First and second terms: Talmudic period to the tenth century: Mishnah, Talmud, Midrash, Agadah, Targumim, the Masorah. Readings from original texts. Two hours.

MR. SPEAKER.

Jewish Education.—First and second terms: From earliest times to the close of the Gaonic period. One hour.

DR. GREENSTONE.



### Third Year.

Hebrew.—First terms: Isaiah; Aramaic Grammar, as in *Marti's Aramaic Grammar*. Private reading in Kings and selected chapters in Jeremiah. Three hours.

Second term: Isaiah continued; Amos; Aramaic—selected chapters in the book of Daniel; readings in Jewish Liturgy. Private reading in Ruth and Esther. Three hours.

DR. HUSIK and MR. DEMBITZ.

Optional course.—First and second terms: Reading a work of Jewish Philosophy. Two hours.

DR. HUSIK.

History.—First and second terms: From the first Amorain until Maimonides. Two hours.

MR. DEMBITZ.

Literature.—First and second terms: Tenth century to present time: Neo-Hebraic Poetry and Literature; Jewish Arabic Literature in Spain; Conflict between Philosophy and Tradition; the Renaissance and Humanism; Hebrew German Critics; Mendelssohn's School; the Science of Judaism; Poetry and Belles-Lettres. Two hours.

MR. SPEAKER.

Jewish Education.—First and second terms: From the close of the Gaonic period to the present time. One hour.

DR. GREENSTONE.

### **Special Course for Teachers.**

A special course in pedagogics as applied to the Jewish Religious School has been established to meet the wants of those engaged in religious school work. This course is given by Dr. Julius H. Greenstone, and deals mainly with the practical problems and difficulties confronting the present-day Jewish Religious School teacher and superintendent. Discussions on the theory and practice of teaching as applied to the Jewish Religious School are supplemented by model lessons presented by the students and criticised in the class room. Additional sessions to discuss methods of teaching Hebrew will be given if there be demand for the same.

### **Post-Graduate Courses.**

Post-graduate courses will be given to students desiring a more intimate knowledge of Jewish learning. These courses will be arranged in accordance with the needs and attainments of the applicants.

### **Scholarships.**

The Board of Trustees has established two annual scholarships of the value of one hundred dollars each, to be awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in the collegiate work of the first and second year classes respectively.

For further information concerning admission of students and courses of study apply to

HENRY M. SPEAKER,

PRINCIPAL, GRATZ COLLEGE,

117 N. Seventh Street,

Philadelphia.

### Library.

The library of Gratz College contains about 1000 volumes in Hebrew, English, German and French on Jewish literature and allied subjects. It is open to the public during college sessions, and instructors and students are privileged to take out books.

### Student Society.

The Gratz College Literary Society is an organization which was established by the students of Gratz College in 1903, for the purpose of discussing matters of Jewish and general interest and promoting a spirit of fellowship among the students.

### Society of the Alumni.

A society of the alumni of Gratz College was formed in 1904, for the purpose of advancing the interests of Gratz College and bringing its graduates in touch with the various religious schools of the city of Philadelphia. The president of the society is Miss Judith Goepp.

### Study Circle.

The Society of the Alumni has organized a study circle to continue the study of Jewish history and literature. The topic taken up for discussion in 1907-8 was the "History of Jewish Bible Exegesis," according to the following program:

#### I.

Oct. 12th—Paper, *Dr. Greenstone*.

Discussion—*Mr. Speaker, Dr. Husick*.

*Philosophy of Religion.* Bachya ibn Pakuda. Solomon ibn Gabirol. Abraham ibn Chiyya. Moses ibn Ezra. Joseph ibn Zaddik. Judah Halevi. Abraham ibn Daud.

## II.

Nov. 9th—Paper, *Mr. David Matt.*

Discussion—*Miss A. Grossman, Mr. D. G. Galter. Rashi. Rashbam. The Darshanim and Tosophists.*

## III.

Dec. 14th—Paper, *Miss K. Galter.*

Discussion—*Miss R. Chodowski, Mr. A. Shallom. Abraham ibn Ezra and the Kimchis.*

## IV.

Jan. 14th—Paper, *Dr. Husik.*

Discussion—*Mr. Speaker, Dr. Greenstone.*

*Samuel ibn Tibbon. Jacob Anatoli. Levi ben Gerson. Isaac Arama.*

## V.

Feb. 10th—Paper, *Mr. Speaker.*

Discussion—*Dr. Husik, Mr. Dembitz.*

## VI.

March 10th—Paper, *Mr. R. Rosenberg.*

Discussion—*Miss Stalberg, Mr. M. Teller. Mendelssohn and the Biurists.*

## VII.

April 14th—Paper, *Mr. D. Galter.*

Discussion—*Miss E. Grossman, Mr. Landberg.*

*Nineteenth Century Critics.* Zunz. Rappoport.  
Luzzato. Reggio.

## VIII.

May 12th—Paper, *Mr. Dembitz.*

Discussion—*Mr. Speaker, Dr. Greenstone.*

*Malbim and Ehrlich.*

### **Graduation Exercises, June, 1908.**

The Graduation Exercises of the academic year 1907-8 were held at the Assembly Room of the Congregation Mickvé Israel, Sunday morning, June 21, 1908, at 10.30 o'clock. The program follows:

Opening Prayer.....Rev. L. H. Elmaleh

Salutatory Address.....Louis Bernstine

Presentation of the Graduates by the Principal,

Rev. Henry M. Speaker

Presentation of Diplomas by the President of the

Board of Trustees.....Ephraim Lederer, Esq.

Valedictory Address.....Harry Cleveland Harris

Address to the Graduates.....Isaac Hassler, Esq.

Benediction.....Rev. L. H. Elmaleh

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### **The Graduating Class.**

Louis Bernstine

Harry Cleveland Harris

Jeziel Mayer Yoffe

## Scholarships and Honors.

In the Junior Class, the scholarship of one hundred dollars was divided equally between Nathaniel Goldman and Hyman Ostrum. In the Freshman Class it was divided equally between Morris Flomenhaft and Isidor Greenberg.

The following received honorable mention:

In the Senior Class, Harry C. Harris; in the Freshman Class, John Aronfield, Samuel Grossman and Max Golditch; in the Preparatory Class Miss Sarah Green.

# LIST OF STUDENTS, 1908-09.

## Third Year.

Breskman, Reuben	1822	S. 9th St.
Cohen, Adolph	320	Brown St.
Cohen, Isaac Louis	213	Fitzwater St.
Cohen, Maurice	213	Fitzwater St.
Davis, Edward	1330	S. 5th St.
Goldman, Nathaniel	813	Wharton St.
Gomborow, Ray	623	S. 8th St.
Kitter, Michael	728	S. 3d St.
Krueger, Nahum	1220	S. 7th St.
Lastman, Benjamin	310	Gaskill St.
Ostrum, Hyman	108	W. Girard Ave.
Rose, Goodman A.	916	S. 5th St.
Zinman, Simon	880	N. Marshall St.

## Second Year.

Abramson, Aaron	988	N. 6th St.
Aronfield, John	930	N. Marshall St.
Bergman, Ida	508	N. 5th St.
Bergman, Minnie	508	N. 5th St.
Flomenhaft, Morris	1739	S. 4th St.
Friedman, Reuben	774	S. 6th St.
Golditch, Max	518	N. 5th St.
Greenberg, Isidor	907	Greenwich St.
Grossman, Samuel	503	Tasker St.
Hirsch, Harry	1445	Lawrence St.
Kohlman, Samuel	203	Montrose St.
Pelicoff, Abraham	546	Walnut St., Camden
Lipschutz, Daniel	530	Dickinson St.

## PREPARATORY CLASS.

Students in this class who passed the examinations are qualified for admission to the first year class.

Enrollment of new students for the first year and for the Preparatory Class will begin on Wednesday, October 14, at 8.30 P. M.

## Teachers' Course.

Garnell, Gertrude D. ....	336 Federal St.
Goldstein, K. ....	1616 N. 7th St.
Jacobs, R. ....	1905 N. Howard St.
Jacobs, S. ....	1905 N. Howard St.
Pape, G. Lawrence ....	1816 N. Park Ave.
Ratowsky, Eleanor ....	727 South St.
Satinsky, Sadie ....	230 Pine St.
Steinfeld, E. ....	527 Race St.

The first session in the Teachers' Course will be held on Monday, October 26, at 8 P. M., when new students will also be enrolled.

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The following is a list of names and addresses of the members of the Gratz College Alumni Association:

Louis Brav .....	Jewish Theological Seminary, N. Y.
Esther Brenner .....	2856 Tulip St.
Anna Chodowski .....	Porto Rico
Rose Chodowski .....	1436 N. Franklin St.
Miriam Chesney .....	2243 Williams St.
Judith Goepp .....	1407 N. 12th St.
Kate Galter .....	424 Manton St.
J. Samuel Goldberger .....	1834 N. Franklin St.
Elias Goodstein .....	661 Drexel Bldg.
Samuel J. Gottesfeld .....	608 Chestnut St.
Mrs. Carrie A. Greenstone .....	915 N. 8th St.
Anna Grossman .....	503 Tasker St.
Carrie Hammerschlag .....	1209 N. Hancock St.
Leon Hammerschlag .....	1209 N. Hancock St.
Joseph Josephson .....	416 Titan St.
Lena Leventhal .....	716 Pine St.



M. Jacob Markman .....2423 N. Park Ave.  
 David Matt .....526 Queen St.  
 Albert Moses .....815 S. 5th St.  
 Samuel Kratzok .....222 Lombard St.  
 Robert Rosenberg .....911 Stephen Girard Bldg.  
 Regina Rosenstein .....New York  
 Hyman Sandberg .....726 S. 3d St.  
 Tillie Stalberg .....1331 S. 6th St.  
 Abraham Rose .....916 S. 5th St.  
 David Galter .....424 Manton St.  
 Edith Grossman .....503 Tasker St.  
 Abraham Shallom (deceased).  
 Morris Teller .....629 Poplar St.  
 Louis Strauss .....117 N. 7th St.  
 Harry C. Harris .....2245 N. 16th St.  
 Louis Bernstein .....2126 S. 8th St.  
 M. Joffe .....1003 S. 5th St.



	Preparatory
2 o'clock	
3 o'clock	
4 o'clock	Jewish Religion Greenstone
5 o'clock	Hebrew Greenstone

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Sunday					Monday	Tuesday				Wednesday	Thursday				Friday	Saturday
Preparatory	First Year	Second Year	Third Year		Teachers' Class	Preparatory	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Second Year	Preparatory	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Special Class	Special Class
		Education Greenstone												Hebrew Husik	Modern	Guide of the Perplexed
	History Dembitz	Hebrew Husik	Literature Speaker		Pedagogy Greenstone	Hebrew Greenstone	Literature Speaker	Hebrew Husik	Aramaic Dembitz		Hebrew Greenstone	Hebrew Husik	Literature Speaker	History Dembitz	Hebrew Speaker	Husik
Jewish Religion Greenstone	Literature Speaker	History Dembitz	Hebrew Husik		Pedagogy Greenstone	Hebrew Greenstone	Hebrew Husik	History Dembitz	Literature Speaker	Rashi Husik	Bible History Speaker	History Dembitz	Hebrew Husik	Education Greenstone		Rashi Speaker
Hebrew Greenstone	Hebrew Husik	Literature Speaker	History Dembitz													

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